

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates.

In spite of the expanding availability of information through alternative outlets, most people still rely on local newspapers and network television for their daily diet of news. Our culture is very clearly shaped and informed through this mainstream media. We have a profound obligation to serve the public through our media. Without a range of perspectives in play in our society, we will devolve into the herd that Nietzsche decried, thereby dampening the prospects for critical thinking and debate that is essential to any vital democracy.